

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A non-reciprocal circuit element comprising:
a yoke including, therein:

a magnetic plate;

a plurality of line conductors disposed on a first main surface of the magnetic plate and insulated from one another, each line conductor having a terminal segment;

a plurality of capacitor chips disposed around the magnetic plate; and

a magnet for applying a DC bias magnetic field in a direction substantially perpendicular to the first main surface of the magnetic plate, the magnet having an elliptic shape in plan view,

wherein the line conductors intersect on a second main surface of the magnetic plate and are connected to one another on the first main surface of the magnetic plate, the terminal segments of the line conductors are connected to the capacitor chips, and the magnet has a major axis and a minor axis in plan view and has a convex surface on at least one peripheral portion thereof.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The non-reciprocal circuit element according to claim 1, wherein a projection plane of the magnetic plate is one of identical to and completely disposed within a projection plane of the magnet.

6. (Previously Presented) The non-reciprocal circuit element according to claim 1, wherein one of a ratio of the minor axis of the magnet to the minor axis of the magnetic plate and a ratio of the major axis of the magnet to the major axis of the magnetic plate ranges from 1.0 to 1.9.

7. (Previously Presented) The non-reciprocal circuit element according to claim 6, wherein the one of the ratio of the minor axis of the magnet to the

minor axis of the magnetic plate and the ratio of the major axis of the magnet to the major axis of the magnetic plate ranges from 1.6 to 1.9.

8. (New) A non-reciprocal circuit element comprising:

a yoke including, therein:

a magnetic plate;

a plurality of line conductors disposed on a first main surface of the magnetic plate and insulated from one another, each line conductor having a terminal segment;

a plurality of capacitor chips disposed around the magnetic plate; and

a magnet for applying a DC bias magnetic field in a direction substantially perpendicular to the first main surface of the magnetic plate,

wherein the line conductors intersect on a second main surface of the magnetic plate and are connected to one another on the first main surface of the magnetic plate, the terminal segments of the line conductors are connected to the capacitor chips, and the magnet has a major axis and a minor axis in plan view and has a convex surface on at least one peripheral portion thereof, and

wherein one of a ratio of the minor axis of the magnet to the minor axis of the magnetic plate and a ratio of the major axis of the magnet to the major axis of the magnetic plate ranges from 1.6 to 1.9.

9. (New) The non-reciprocal circuit element according to claim 8, wherein the magnet has a plan-view shape generated by partially cutting one of a circle and an ellipse along a straight line.

10. (New) The non-reciprocal circuit element according to claim 9, wherein the magnet has a plan-view shape of a racing track.

11. (New) The non-reciprocal circuit element according to claim 8, wherein a projection plane of the magnetic plate is one of identical to and completely disposed within a projection plane of the magnet.